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New Police Districts

EFFECTIVE: 01 JANUARY, 1996

As a result of the public meeting held in Apsley on 01 November 1995 concerning Policing Issues in the Apsley area a stakeholders committee was formed. This committee is comprised of Council Members from Bicroft, Cardiff, Chandos, Belmont & Methuen, Burleigh & Anstruther Townships, representatives from the Bicroft & Cardiff Community Policing, Apsley & District Community Policing, Apsley & District Chamber of Commerce and members of the O.P.P. from Apsley, Campbellford, Kawartha, and Bancroft Detachments.

The stakeholders committee wish to announce that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 1996 the policing responsibilities for the APSLEY Detachment area will change.

The following areas will now be associated to Bancroft Detachment:

Bicroft Township
Cardiff Township
Chandos Township
Anstruther Township

Burleigh Township NORTH of Eels Creek Park on Highway # 28

Methuen Township NORTH of Lot 21 which includes all of Jack Lake, Little Jack Lake, and Methuen Lake.

The residents of Burleigh Township SOUTH of Eels Creek Park will be associated to Kawartha Detachment.

The residents of Methuen Township SOUTH of Lot 21 will be associated to Campbellford Detachment.

In order to maintain our level of service, if you require a police officer to respond to a complaint please call the following toll free numbers.

Residents Associated to Bancroft Detachment:

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1-800-267-7448 (TDD)

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Christmas Celebrated at Red Cross Outpost



Mary Barker and her Wilberforce Girl Guides enjoy leading the singing at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Yuletide Festivities

by Ann W. Smith

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild got into the spirit of the Christmas season by organizing Yuletide Festivities at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House. Beautifully designed posters invited everyone to come on Monday December 11, in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and/or in the evening from 6:45 to 9 p.m.

Visitors were sustained by hot

apple cider (or coffee if preferred), fruit cake and a variety of colourfully decorated and rich cookies.

The ornaments on

the Christmas tree that brightened a corner of the living room were mostly hand made, some old, some new. Many were

the shape of snowflakes or angels. Entertainment consisted of readings and singing.

In the afternoon

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Hospital Auxiliary 10th

by Ann W. Smith

The North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a special dinner at the Seniors Club 580 on Thursday even-

ing October 26.

Hazel Millage, Past President was hostess, acting for President Betty Harrison who is recovering from an operation.

Reg Blatherwick played favourite songs on the piano

as the Auxiliary members and their guests gathered for the dinner.

Catering was done by Bruce Kellar

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FAC Forms

Minden O.P.P.

Persons wishing new FAC application forms should come to the Minden detachment of the OPP prior to the Dec. 31 deadline.

The detachment has just received a shipment of 250 new forms, but had 250 requests for them already on file, and are therefore again out of forms.

Persons who have already requested the forms, and filled out the photocopy of the front page, should be hearing from the community police volunteers distributing them, shortly.

Urging Safe Snowmobiling



"Follow the snow packed trail," the chorus continues to repeat in this drama on the stage of O.L.M. School

By Stewart Smith

"What I've heard about and what I've seen on the news is really happening," the speaker on the video, No Second Chance realized. He is a snowmobile accident victim, and will be crippled for the rest of his life. He would like to wake up from his "bad dream" - but will not.

He and others spoke to students at several area schools, through a presentation by Stephen Galang and

Monica Goodfellow, of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. They were co-sponsored by the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce.

The Courier heard their presentation in Our Lady of Mercy School, Bancroft, on Monday, December 4.

Their message was chilling. But it was not as chilling as going through thin ice on a snowmobile.

"The leading cause of death when

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Santa Claus Visits Wilberforce



Marilyn Donaldson, coordinator of his visit to Wilberforce, rests on Santa's knee during a busy Dec. 10

By Stewart Smith
Excited children and adults filled the Lloyd Watson Centre, in Wilberforce, on Sunday afternoon, December 10, as Santa Claus paid his now annual visit to the community. This party was co-ordinated by Marilyn Donaldson, of the Ridgeview

The words of *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, sung at the Wilberforce Community Christmas party, still ring in this writer's head:

And in despair I bowed my head, -
There is no peace on earth, I said
For hate is strong and mocks the
song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and
deep,
God is not dead, and doth not sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right
prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to
men.

Restaurant. Sponsor was Les Varga, owner and manager of the Ridgeview Restaurant.

Local businesses of the Harcourt, Wilberforce, Highland Grove, and Tory Hill area got together to purchase gifts for the children (young people under 12) of the area. Each gift was individually wrapped, and during the afternoon handed to a child by Santa personally.

The Monmouth Fire Department added a bag of candies and food for every child.

Children and parents began arriving at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 12:30 noon.

At the entry to the main hall was a registration desk, where each child was given a number. This was necessary in order for the child to see Santa Claus.

Children and parents waited happily in the main hall until their number was called.

Making the wait much easier were Clara Burt, Christine Redshaw, and friends, who led in the singing of carols and Christmas songs from a Carol Sing booklet prepared by the Ridgeview Restaurant and other businesses, and containing 26 songs.

As a child's number was called (in lots of ten) that child lined up to sit on Santa's knee.

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WARNING: BATTERIES

Health Canada

Batteries in toys can lead to dangerous situations such as heat build-up. To prevent injuries related to batteries in toys, follow the guidelines below:

- * Follow all warnings and instructions carefully.
- * Make sure all batteries are installed correctly and not in a reversed position.
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* Instruct children that if batteries come out of a toy, to give the batteries and the toy to an adult for re-installation.

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Adopt-a-Child

Bancroft O.P.P.

At this time, only 38 children were "adopted" by the community.

There will be numerous children, that were not "adopted", that will have items purchased for them by Const. Stan Bal- emba from the donated cash. All the cash will be used to purchase the needed clothing.

A special thank you to those that contributed to the program and to those that "adopted" the children.

Craft Sale Held at Cardiff Legion

by Ann W. Smith

Cardiff Legion Hall was the venue of a craft sale on Saturday November 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale was organized by Richard Moody and Ron Podres, members of the executive of Cardiff Branch 566 of the Royal Canadian Legion. They were pleased at the response of vendors and customers. There were 12 tables available and 9 vendors took part in the

sale.

Ron Hughes displayed his wooden ware - much of it toys but also a few items useful in the house.

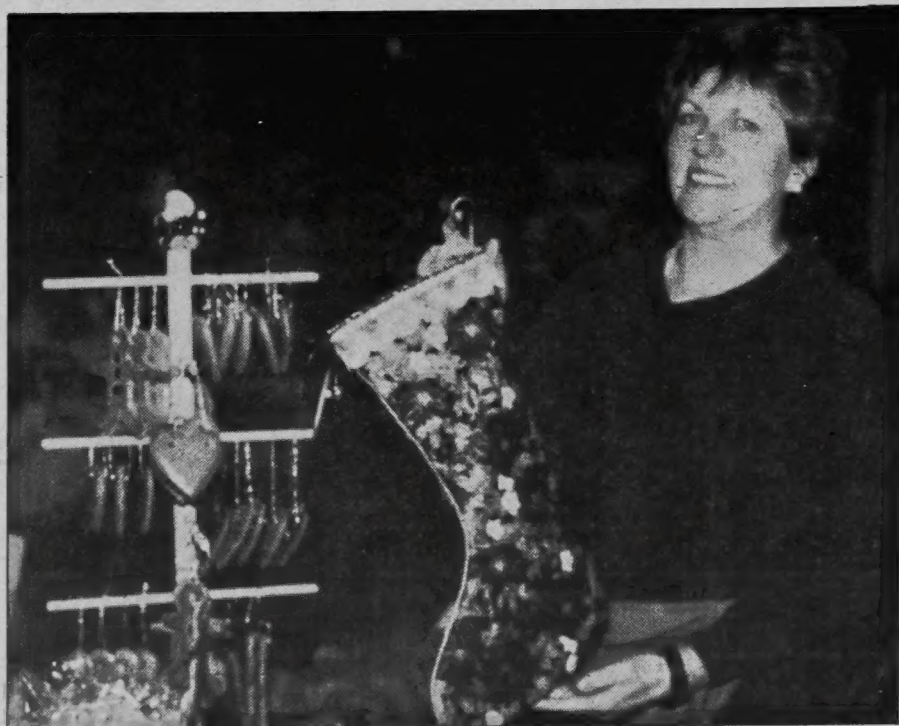
Mary Lou Leslie had a large display of Educational Discovery Toys. This company is now also producing books and cotton clothing as well as kits for parties, and games.

Helene Pearson had made Christmas decorations which included colourful stockings to hang up and gingerbread

in the shape of hearts or boys that could be used as ornaments and would still be fresh for eating after Christmas, or on Christmas Day.

Other vendors also had made many different and elaborate decorations for the Christmas season as well as many that could be used all year.

The vendors were pleased with the numbers of people who came, most of them early in the day.



Helene Pearson with her Christmas stocking and gingerbread cooky-ornaments at Cardiff Legion Craft sale

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CHOICES Gives Money for Palliative Care Bed



Verna Wallace (left) of Choices presents a cheque for \$10,000 to Hospital Administrator Donna Robinson (right) as they stand beside the patient's control panel of a demonstration Palliative Care bed

By Stewart Smith

The cheque was for \$10,000.

It was presented, on Monday, December 4, to Donna Robinson, Administrator of the North Hastings District Hospital.

It was presented by Verna Wallace, President of the CHOICES Thrift and Gift Shop, on Bridge Street in Bancroft (across from Whitfield's Hardware). The money had been raised by the sale of used clothing and other goods, at the Choices retail shop.

The money will purchase a Palliative Care Bed. Such a bed will be used for long term patients, who suffer from circulatory problems. This would include stroke patients, and terminal patients.

The bed has a delightfully soft mattress which will allow circulation of air and prevent bed sores.

The patient has a control panel within easy reach, and can raise or lower the head or the foot of the bed. This will provide the more independence to the patient.

There is also a more elaborate control panel at the end of the bed, for nurses to use.

The price tag for the Palliative Care bed "Will destroy the \$10,000 cheque," Donna Robinson sighed.

Christmas at Wilberforce Full Gospel

By Stewart Smith

"They can love Jesus the same as you and me," MC Melanie Storey reminded those who filled the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church on Sunday evening, December 10 for the Christmas Concert.

Children of the * Sunday School (which meets during church, at 11 a.m. on Sundays); * Pioneer Club (which meets in the church on Sunday afternoons, from 3 to 5); and * Youth Group (which meets on Friday evenings

from 7 to 9, but often in private homes)

all took part in the concert.

The children were delightfully children - with, for example, an angel enthusiastically running up and down the aisles. The purpose of the evening was proclaimed in the motto at the front of the church: "Jesus Loves You. He Wants To Be Your Saviour."

There are 10 to 15 children in the Sunday School. "We're glad to see you here. Welcome!" they told

everyone. And they honoured the Baby Jesus.

Many of the same children are also in the Pioneer Club, which meets in two sections.

Skippers (led by Pam Manley) is for those aged 4 and 5. They mimed the Christmas story as it was narrated on a tape.

Voyageurs (led by Sue and Larry Ellison) is the older section. These showed off their new uniform hats, to match the T-shirts got last year. They also presented a skit, and musical numbers.

"Whose Birthday Is It?" asked the Youth (contacts are Elwood and Melanie Storey) while presenting a skit about Pam, born on December 25, whose own

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Wild Chase Around Wilberforce

By Ken Wesley
Minden O.P.P.

On Sunday 10 December 95 around 1550 hrs [3:50 pm] I was in Wilberforce office with Don WILSON of the Community Police.

Comm Centre dispatched me to a break and enter in progress at Lorraine Lake, Tory Hill. I took Don with me. En route I was told my closest back up was in Carnarvon and there was a blizzard.

We arrived at the scene and tried to stop an A.T.V. fleeing the scene but they went up the snow bank and around the cruiser and out onto the highway.

One of our Community Police members, Jack WARD, who lives in the area, noticed

fresh ATV tracks to a neighbour's cottage where no one should be, and went to investigate. He noted the licence number of the ATV and that there were people in the cottage and called police. He returned to keep observation and met the two suspects leaving with the ATV (which was stolen from Bobcaygeon area) and also one of his neighbour's snow machines. When confronted the two suspects took off on the stolen ATV and left the snow machine behind.

John GOVERDE, Wilberforce Community Police, arrived and found the ATV tracks went up the old

rail bed from Tory Hill towards Otter Lake Road. He picked up the tracks at Otter Lake Rd. and County Rd. 4 and found they went up Clement Lake Road, and called the Comm

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EDITORIAL

By: Rev. Bill Richards, Minister,
Apsley - Cardiff - Paudash United
Church Pastoral Charge

God ... has lifted up the lowly
Luke 1.52

Luke's story of Jesus' birth begins with two cousins carrying very different "expectations".

One cousin, Elizabeth, has just discovered that, after years of trying, she and her husband are pregnant. For them frustration has yielded to hope becoming reality.

The other cousin, young and unmarried, discovers she too is expecting. However, if for Elizabeth years of disappointment are turning to delight, Mary faces the threat of shortly losing her fiancé.

Sometimes when we don't know who to turn to, we surprise ourselves. Mary certainly chose well when she turned to Elizabeth. For her cousin greets her immediately with words of grace:

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed the fruit of your womb.

Elizabeth knows at the centre of her own being what God can do. In spite of their different expectations, she knows God has been active in Mary's life too.

Elizabeth's welcome allows Mary to sing in praise of the God who makes a point of honouring those who have been shamed. For, as the child Mary carries will grow up to teach his followers, every creature is God's special delight: the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, even the sparrows sold two for a penny.

God continues to come to the little villages, to the meek of the earth, to reveal there the world's true hope. As the two cousins sang long ago, God continues to share the life of those for whom the rest of us can find no work, no food, no room in our inns, to claim them again for that special vocation as God's loved and God's own.



Bessie Martin and Gertrude Shoudy with hand made sweater at St. Mark's United Church Tea and Bazaar

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

Now that Christmas is almost here, you can heave a sigh of relief. The shopping is done, right?

Let's hope so! Those trips to the Mall around the holiday season are just like journeys into the war zone.

Carols wafting through the air? Happy, smiling Mothers? Well-behaved children? Only in advertising bulletins - not in any mall I've ever been in.

More like frazzled Moms, children screaming because they are too hot, or tired or hungry, thirsty or bored. Maybe all of the above. They always want to go in the opposite direction to where the shopper needs to go, and you can only threaten that, "Santa won't come if you are not good" so many times before they yell loud and clear, "To Hell with Santa."

Don't feel like a bad Mom; just remember the smiles on the faces of other harried shoppers.

We can't blame it all on the children, though. We seem to become obsessed with this shopping bit. I saw one woman walking around in a daze, muttering, "Size 12, size 12, I know the size but what was it?"

We seem to think we just have to get that perfect gift. Why is that, I wonder? Children won't be warped for life if they don't get exactly what they want; and surely adults can cope with less than the ideal gift.

If the pink tie doesn't suit, tell

him you really wanted to get him a green one but there was only one left and you lost the tug-of-war with a 200 pound linebacker. It's the struggle that counts, right?

Remember the Cabbage Patch Dolls a few years ago? They were so ugly it took a real act of love just to look at one. But if a little girl didn't have one, she was beyond the pale. Shoppers paid fabulous sums for them. Hair was pulled and eyes blackened, names were called; and friends parted forever. And how important were they? In a year you couldn't give one away.

This is advertising manipulation at its best. But don't you have to smile? Someone made a vast fortune, and every little girl received an ugly doll. What an exchange!

Magic happens Christmas morning. Everyone likes their gifts because they know it was chosen with love. And right there the shopping frenzy fades away for another year and only the good things remain.

When we are sitting around, Christmas Day, stuffed with all that good food, let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas and the babe in the stable who gave a gift of love, too - Himself. Let's be happy with His gift and spread all this joy, peace and good will around and try to hug this special Christmas feeling to our hearts all year.

Merry Christmas, Everyone!!

LETTER: Don't Blame the Dog Breed

I am writing to you in response to the Nov. 23rd issue of the Courier article (page 5) entitled, "Attack-

ed By Dog."

Once again, we can observe how the uneducated can cause unjust feelings towards certain stereotyped

canine breeds.

As a professional breeder and trainer for over 20 years I have been involved with mixed breeds and many of the purebreds recognized by the C.K.C. During those years I have experienced dog bites by a variety of breeds and mongrels.

Yes, the larger and stronger dogs usually capture more publicity than their smaller counterparts. That's because the little ones tend to do less damage, but they may bite just as often.

By capitalizing ROTTWEILER first and not capitalizing Black Lab, the readers are led to believe

that ROTTWEILLERS are biters and attack dogs. That is extremely unfair.

How do we know it was the ROTTWEILER part that did the attacking and not the other part? We don't!

I would suggest abandoning pointless sensationalism that does nothing more than hurt the efforts of many conscientious breeders.

It would be more productive to enlighten the public that regardless of breed or size, all dog owners are responsible for the actions of their pets.

- Stephen Scott, Chiefstar Kennels, German Shepherd breeders, R.R.2, Bancroft.

NEW POLICE DISTRICTS

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Residents Associated to Kawartha or Campbellford Detachments will continue to call

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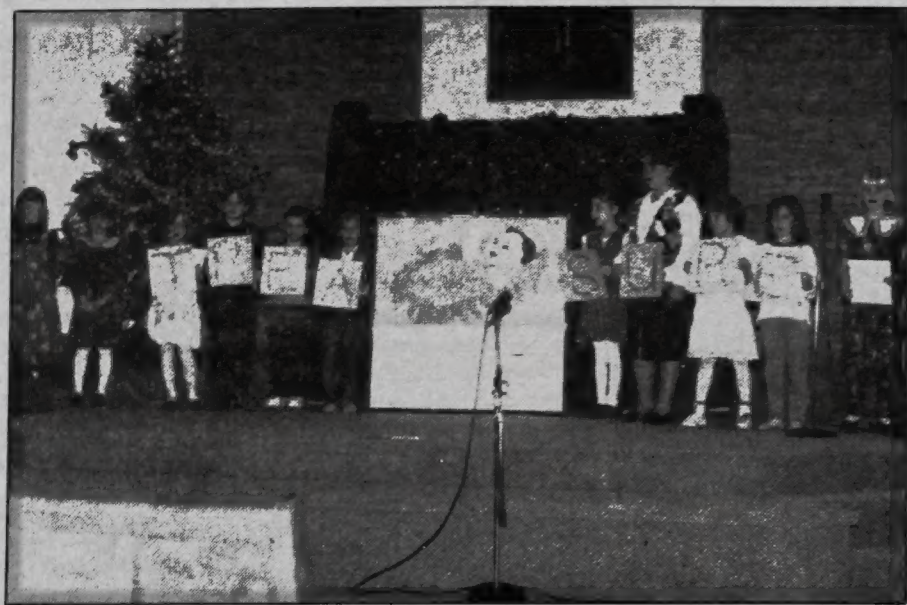
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Christmas at Bancroft Pentecostal



"TREASURE" announces the Middler class at Bancroft Pentecostal Church, as students part to reveal the Babe in the manger, in their midst

By Stewart Smith

"The Treasure of Bethlehem" was the theme chosen for the Sunday School Christmas Concert presented in Bancroft Pentecostal Church on Sunday morning, December 17.

The Sunday School meets at 9:45 on Sunday mornings, with classes for all ages from Kindergarten to Adult. Superintendent, Myles Sanderson, was M.C. for the concert.

Middler class, led by Bill Campbell and Myles Sanderson, used the word "TREASURE" to take us through the Bible, to the Redeemer, Jesus, Who was born in Bethlehem. The **Kinder** and **Primary** turned the church - temporarily - into a news room, with the fast breaking story of angels and shepherds.

"Extra! Extra! - Unidentified Flying Angels" added the puppets, managed by Victoria and Debbie Hillsden and friends.

Teachers of these classes are Cindy Sanderson and Erika Brinkman; and Debbie Hillsden and Robert Koster.

The **Junior** class, led by David Barkley and Michelle Bowler, took a group back in a time machine. They quickly found Mary and the baby - who looked ordinary, but was not. The **Teen Class** led by Peter Gaebel and Janna Brinkman spoke by music and mime. With Peter Gaebel playing the angel and then Jesus, they carried the story from the Annunciation to Mary and Joseph, to the Crucifixion of Jesus, to the risen Lord welcoming people to Heaven.

The **Hi-Teens**, led by David MacLeod and Charles Christie, lit candles for the Christmas spirits of: Hospitality, Music, Goodwill, and Gifts.

Pastor Terry Grimes announced 10:30 a.m. worship

on Dec. 24 and 31; and a **Watchnight** schedule of fellowship from 8:30 to 10:30 pm; and worship service from 10:30 p.m. to midnight, 1996.

Paudash P.S. Craft & Bake Sale

by Ann W. Smith

The All-Purpose Room in the Paudash Public School was a busy place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday December 9 for the school's Craft and Bake Sale.

The Sale gave families a great chance to buy inexpensive gifts, Christmas ornaments or baked goods for the holiday season. At the same time they would be supporting special projects that would benefit their children.

Just a sample of some of the things made by the parents included special chocolates, all kinds of baked goods (fancy and plain), ornaments,

potpourri sachets and fabric picture frames. There were also some wooden toys made by Ron Hughes at his Rocking Horse Toy Shop in Cardiff.

The children also contributed to the sale by making decorations and other things to be sold. Some children helped at the sale by assisting customers.

Something a little different for a Craft sale was the Silent Auction. The 6 items in the auction were a Christmas skirt, a bath basket, a cookie basket, a wooden reindeer, a Northern Reflections shirt and size 4 overalls for a little girl.

Gift certificates

for a photo for a Child Identification Card were available.

Tickets for 2 different draws were being sold. The draw that was made that day was for 3 things - a glass lamb, a certificate for a Reflexology treatment by Noreen Tinnney, and a still life painting.

The other draw is for a quilt. The quilt draw will be on February 14 so there is still time to buy a chance on this.

The members of the Parent Volunteer Committee that organized the Craft and Bake Sale were Theresa Woodcock, Carol Spooner, Anna Lewis and Kim Vader.

Safe Snowmobiling Urged

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snowmobiling is drowning," the team and their videos warned.

"It takes 6 inches of ice" to hold a snowmobile and rider safely.

"Stay off water," Const. Stan Balamba repeated the message. "By the time we get you out, it's too late."

Stephen Galang did speak of buoyant snowmobile suits, which could give a person some chance if dumped into icy water. He tried an experiment, in a hole chopped in Lake Simcoe.

With a Buoyant Snowmobile Suit (Mustang) "I man-

aged to float for 45 minutes."

Wearing a normal snowmobile suit, "In 1 minute I was pulled under." The suit was then weighed, and found to be in excess of 50 pounds of water and material.

"The leading cause of serious injuries...is road accidents," the video warned.

Snowmobiles and vehicles sharing the same roadway is an invitation to disaster.

"Follow the snow packed trail," a drama by Monica Goodfellow and many student volunteers repeated. "Follow the snow packed trail."

"The leading factor in all snowmobile fatalities in Ontario is alcohol," the team and their videos drove the third point home.

The video, **No Second Chance** presented several people - crippled survivors, or next-of-kin, whose lives have been ruined by the mixing of snowmobiling and alcohol.

The team did show off a safety survival kit, which should be carried on the person (not the machine). In it are: waterproof

matches, a candle, rope, gloves, maps and compass, high energy food, a "Fox 40" whistle, and an aluminised blanket which can be folded into a compact bundle.

The team members enjoy snowmobiling, and looked forward to some riding while staying at the Schnitzel House, south on Highway 28.

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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

My husband died in August and I am dreading Christmas without him. Every time I hear a song or see other couples holding hands, the loneliness that engulfs me is so intense, I feel that I can't go on. Even when I'm not crying outwardly, I can feel the tears dropping inside. I just cannot imagine Christmas without him. Please help!

- Griefstricken

Dear Griefstricken:

There is no easy way to answer your letter. Since I am not there yet, there is no possible way I can understand your pain. I do know that God is faithful and I believe that when that time comes for me He will see me safely through it.

I have tucked away a little booklet that I hope will help me when that time comes. It is called "Facing The Death Of A Loved One" by Elisabeth Elliot. Elisabeth was the wife of one of the five martyred missionaries in Ecuador. She has walked this lonely pathway not just once but three times. Please allow me to quote from her book:

"Six Simple Things That Helped Me Through This Valley".

1. First, I try to be still and know that He is God. Read Psalm 46.
2. The second thing I try to do is to give thanks. I can thank God for the promise of His presence.
3. I try to refuse self pity.
4. The next thing to do is to accept my loneliness.
5. The acceptance of loneliness can be followed immediately by the offering of it up to God.
6. I try to do something for somebody else.

I will be praying for you.

- Amy

Do you want to discuss a problem with "Dear Amy"? Write:
c/o Cardiff Courier, Box 99, Cardiff, Ontario. K0L 1M0.

Bancroft Christian Academy Is Strong and Growing



"Our Canada - Thank You, God," say the students of Grade 3 - 4, led by teacher Irene Martin

By Stewart Smith

"We receive no government support at all," Brent Dalglish, of the Board of Bancroft Christian Academy, ("An interdenominational school that promotes Jesus") told the more than 200 people who came to the fund-raising banquet held at Joy Bible Camp on Friday evening, November 24.

Yet, Mr. Dalglish explained, "We have truly been blessed by the Lord." The school is into its 6th year. Right now, he could report, "The bills are all paid."

There are large projects looming in 1996. And it would be nice to

have a \$5,000 reserve fund.

"We have just an excellent landlord," Mr. Dalglish continued. Bancroft Christian Academy meets on Township of Herschel property in Bird's Creek, in the old Drive-in Theatre building. In addition they have moved several portables on to the property for classes.

Another portable will be needed for 1996-97. But, "We got a portable from CFB Borden - for the cost of moving it."

This year, "We have 60 students." Health authorities assure the Board that the property could serve 150 students.

Grade 10 has been added this year, using A.C.E. curriculum. "We are raising up a Christian alternative," Mr. Dalglish proposes, although the Board

also applauds the Christian teachers and their Christian influence in the public system.

All this was presented to guests on full stomachs. They had already been treated to a delicious roast turkey supper with all the trimmings, prepared and served by Joy Bible Camp's own Marg McGibbon and staff.

After supper, Treasurer, Bill Theobald, introduced the staff:

- * Linda Sarginson (Kindergarten);
- * Colleen Long (Grades 1 & 2);
- * Irene Martin (Grades 3 & 4 and Music);
- * Tina Covert (Grades 5 & 6);
- * Trevor Long (Grades 7, 8, 9, and 10);
- * Pierre Regamey (French);
- * Mrs. Margaret Easton (Principal).

This year the presentations by each class were directly related to their academic learning.

Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 did spelling, talking about diagraphs and blends.

Grades 3 & 4 went through a typical school day, with its various activities.

Mrs. Covert told of activity in the community, including participation

with other schools in cross country, soccer, and Remembrance Day. The class has an Art Gallery project; and took a child in the Adopt-a-Child program.

Mr. Regamey's classes performed two skits in French.

The Seniors presented part of "Journey to the Centre of Christmas" which in its entirety is the Christmas program of the L'Amable young people. "We are the reason," the students sang. "To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give - to show the reason to live."

The students did not prepare an elaborate Christmas concert or musical this year. Instead, they will present an Easter program to which all of us will be invited.

The November program was completed with music from Brent and Wendy Dalglish and Laverne Boyle; and then from the Gilmour duet of Bev Campbell and Cheryl McMurray.

As a parent, Bev Campbell added, "I feel very privileged to have my kids in the school. And I am very thankful. ..When it comes to love, you don't count the cost."

Wilb. Full Gospel Celebrates

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birthday was completely forgotten by the family in the rush of the season. "Let's not forget Christmas is Christ Jesus' Birthday," they

drove the point home.

The program concluded with children and young people kneeling reverently around the manger.



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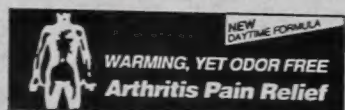
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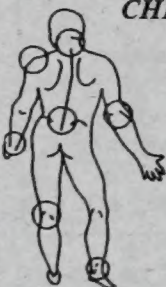
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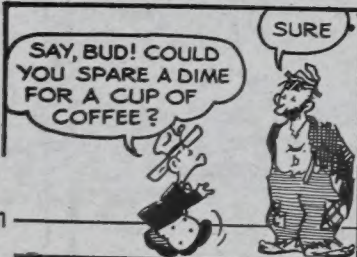
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Open House at Red Cross Outpost

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the story "The Christmas Ghost: Unemployment In One of Our Oldest Industries" was told by Flo Elliott with Elsie Lewis taking the part of the ghost. "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry was read both afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Hilda Clark was narrator and Kim Barnes and Lloyd Griffiths were Della and Jim. The evening reading was narrated by June Williams with Nadeen Sanderson as Della and Ken Sanderson as Jim. This story illustrates the true spirit of giving that Christmas should encourage in people. Singing of traditional Christmas carols and songs was led by the Wilberforce Girl

Guides under the direction of their leader Mary Barker. Song sheets provided by the Sanderson's helped everyone take part. There were a few songs in which the girls sang their own version! The Girl Guides used the opportunity to rehearse the story and song of "The Little Drummer Boy" that they performed beautifully at the Community Carol Service at the South Wilberforce United Church on Sunday December 17.

Copies of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore were passed around. Parts were read in unison. Some parts were read by individuals chosen by Hilda Clark who led this part of

the activities.

During the Open House Christmas cakes were on sale, proceeds of which go to the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

At the end of the evening the name of the winner of the box of fudge was drawn. Donna Gulliford was the lucky one.

Santa Visits Wilberforce

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A photograph was taken by Tammy Donaldson. Those photographs are now available at the Ridgeview Restaurant, and can be picked up free - another gift from the restaurant to the community.

How many wrapped gifts should supply the children of the community?

Would you say - 200? Last year, 150 children attended the party. This year registration ended at more than 190. Next year more gifts will be prepared.

The party was completed with free skating in the Wilberforce Arena, across the road.



Hospital Auxiliary

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and Associates.

The meal was followed by Clare Flagler's summary of the history of the Auxiliaries of the Hospital from 1942 when it was a Red Cross Hospital. Mrs. Flagler was Secretary Treasurer until 1950 and gave a great many details of the work of the Red Cross Auxiliary.

The Hospital came under the direction of the Belleville General Hos-

pital Board of Governors in 1984.

The North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary was organized in October 1985. The first President was Ramona Hawley with Heather Town as 1st Vice President.

The guest speaker at the 10th Anniversary dinner was Marion Brown Past Chairperson of Region 8 of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario.

She spoke of the challenge for an Auxilian to keep

up with the changes in technology and health care. Changes should be logical and planned. She urged auxiliaries to keep an open mind. Learn as much as you can in meetings and communicate to the community.

She talked about the importance to the community of volunteerism and went back to the days when church

people cared for the sick and needy. With church membership diminishing and the nature of the family changing it is difficult to care for each other.

Reduced hospital staffs can no longer take time with the patients. Volunteers can help in the healing process by taking time to listen to how the patients feel.

St. Mark's, Paudash

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table with a number of smaller items. The food table had many fruit pies and packages of cookies. Customers could even buy fresh eggs!

A standard item at St. Mark's Church Christmas Sales are the meat pies. These are made from the ro-

ast beef left over from the Beef Supper served in the summer. This year there was enough beef to make 235 meat pies which also contain fresh vegetables.

St. Mark's United Church Women meet on the 2nd Monday afternoon of each month.

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MONMOUTH COUNCIL

By Stewart Smith

Monmouth Township Council met in the municipal office in Wilberforce on Monday evening, December 11, with all members present.

SNOW

Roads Superintendent Barry Dunford reported that the roads have been ploughed 12 times so far this winter (more since the Council meeting).

Last winter the roads were ploughed 10 times by January 27.

RECYCLING

"The whole ... dump's a mess," complained Reeve Keith Tallman of the Monmouth disposal site.

Recycling bins are filled to overflowing. "Are the Recycling people having problems?" some Councillors asked.

In a related matter, Council decided the Christmas Hours at the Dump. The site will be closed on December 24 and 31. Open hours will be:

* Sat. December 23: 9 am to 4 pm.
* Wed. December 27: 1 pm to 6 pm.

* Sat. December 30: 9 am to 4 p.m.

* Wed. January 3: regular schedule

AGREEMENTS

Council renewed Fire fighting agreements with neighbouring Townships, without changes.

Council also re-appointed 1995 members to all Committees.

Ken Noble was added to the Cemetery Board.

SMASH & SWOMP

Council agreed to let the model power boat clubs SMASH and SWOMP hold their boat runs (competitions) on Wilbermere Lake on June 9 and September 6, 1996.

TENDERING

Council sees the need for Tendering policies for the Township.

How large should a job be before it is put up for tender? (Tendering is an expensive, cumbersome, and slow process.)

Is it fair to draw on one bidder's expertise and then give that information to other bidders? How should expert advice be compensated?

BATTERIES: WARNINGS

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tion. If batteries continually fall out, the toy should be returned to the store where purchased.

* Parents should check batteries in toys frequently. Batteries should not be left in toys for long periods of time.

* Teach children that battery-operated toy vehicles with wheels

should never be put near hair as the hair can get caught and pulled into the wheels of the vehicle.

* Always keep button batteries out of reach of young children. Button batteries are dangerous if swallowed by a child.

* Do not allow a child to sleep with a battery-operated toy.

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